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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MINAKO HIJIKATA ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 09/813,990 :
FILED: MARCH 22, 2001 :
FOR: GENETIC POLYMORPHISM OF :
MXA PROTEIN AND USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Notice To Comply dated April 26, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Please delete the original Sequence Listing on pages 38-43 without prejudice.

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Page 49 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached Sequence Listing.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are active in the present application. Applicants have now submitted a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Sequence Identifiers (SEQ ID NO:) have been added to the specification. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing. Support for all of the sequences listed in the substitute Sequence Listing is found in the present application as originally filed. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the submission of the substitute Sequence Listing and the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits. Early notification of such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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